

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

**Listing of Claims:**

1-11 (canceled)

12. (new): A contact for establishing electrical connection with an electrically conductive wire, comprising:

a base and a two elongate blades extending from the base and defining therebetween a channel within which a wire is to be received, a first blade of the two being flat and a second blade of the two being shaped, a flat contact surface of one blade being opposite a cutting edge of the other blade and lying on opposite sides of the channel, the flat contact surface maintaining the wire substantially parallel to the flat contact surface through the channel and the cutting edge of the other blade pointing towards the flat contact surface.

13. (new) The contact according to Claim 12, wherein the second blade is shaped so as to present the flat contact surface to the cutting edge of the other blade.

14. (new) The contact according to Claim 13, wherein the shaped blade prescribes an arc about an axis parallel to the longitudinal axis of the shaped blade.

15. (new) The contact according to Claim 12, wherein the blades each have two major surfaces and two minor surfaces and the flat contact surface comprises a minor surface of one blade proximate the other blade.

16. (new) The contact according to Claim 12, wherein the blades each have two major surfaces and two minor surfaces and the flat contact surface comprises a portion of a major surface of one blade proximate the other blade.

17. (new) The contact according to Claim 16, wherein the cutting edge comprises a corner of a major surface with a minor surface of the other blade.

18. (new) The contact according to Claim 16, wherein the flat contact surface lies in a first plane and the planes of the two surfaces defining the cutting edge lie in a second and a third plane respectively, the second and third planes being respectively between  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  to the first plane.

19. (new) The contact according to Claim 18, wherein the second and third planes are in the region of  $45^\circ$  to the first plane.

20. (new) A contact for establishing electrical connection with an electrically conductive wire, comprising:

a base and two elongate blades extending from the base and defining therebetween a channel within which a wire is to be received, a first blade of the two being flat and a second

blade of the two being shaped, a flat contact surface of one blade and a cutting edge of the other blade lying on opposite sides of the channel, wherein a line drawn parallel to the flat contact surface and passing through the point defined by the end of the cutting edge is not parallel to either of the surfaces defining the cutting edge.

21. (new) An insulation displacement connector, comprising:

a contact manufactured from a planar material and having a base and two elongate blades extending from the base and defining therebetween a channel within which a wire is to be received, a first blade of the two being flat and a second blade of the two being shaped, a flat contact surface of one blade being opposite a cutting edge of the other blade and lying on opposite sides of the channel, the flat contact surface maintaining the wire substantially parallel to the flat contact surface through the channel and the cutting edge of the other blade pointing towards the flat contact surface.

22. (new) An insulation displacement connector, comprising:

a contact manufactured from a planar material and having a base and two elongate blades extending from the base and defining therebetween a channel within which a wire is to be received, a first blade of the two being flat and a second blade of the two being shaped, a flat contact surface the other blade lying on opposite sides of the channel, wherein a line drawn parallel to the flat contact surface and passing through the point defined by the end of the cutting edge is not parallel to either of the surfaces defining the cutting edge.

23 (new): The insulation of claim 12, wherein the contact is manufactured from a planar material.

24. The insulation of claim 20, wherein the contact is manufactured from a planar material.